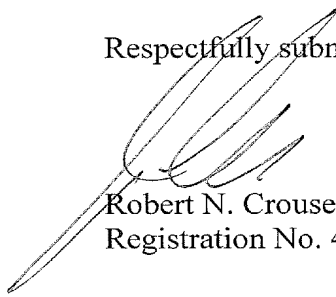


**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the detailed examination evidenced by the Official Action mailed April 11, 2007 (hereinafter "the Final Official Action"). In response, Applicant provides the present amendments along with a concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination. Applicant respectfully requests further examination on the merits and the allowance of all claims in due course. If any informal matters arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



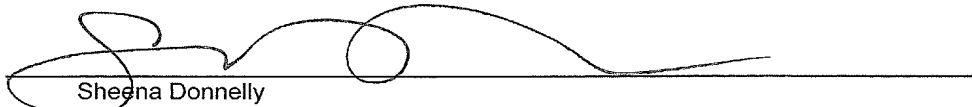
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